

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Numerous embodiments of an illuminated rope include various principles of illuminating translucent objects and wrapping or enclosing the objects with a translucent rope or the like to create attractive illuminated displays. Some embodiments comprise one or more flexible or rigid strands or lengths of radially emitting solid fiberoptic material which is lighted at one or both ends, with a sleeve or wrap of translucent rope or the like surrounding the fiberoptic material. Other embodiments comprise flexible or rigid hollow translucent tubes containing a string of lights therein, with translucent rope material surrounding the hollow illuminated tube. A series of illumination and control modules allows the color output of the devices to be varied as desired, and a series of modular connectors enables two, three, or more of the illuminated ropes to be connected together. Further embodiments comprise hollow, translucent, internally lighted three-dimensional shells or sculptures wrapped with translucent rope.